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Bunn Gets Bargain In Water Project Bids

Bunn officials—like a housewife in a supermarket—shopped around a bit and came up with a bargain price for the massive water system project last week. Bids were opened last Thursday and Bunn Town fathers and Franklin

Development people were delighted. The low bids were about 15 percent below what they had expected.

Bids totalling \$198,391.00 were approved with the breakdown announced as follows: Water Lines, T. A. Lovin of Goldsboro, \$87,387.00; Tank Foundation, T. A. Lovin, \$9,400.00; 200,000-Gallon Tank, Chicago Bridge and Iron Works, \$51,600.00 and Well Supply, Synor Hydrodynamics, Inc., \$50,004.00.

Kenneth Schubart, Industrial Development Director, said that an official of the federal Economic Development Administration was present for the bid opening and carried the bids back to West Virginia for government approval. The Bunn Council is expected to meet in a few days to formally approve the low bids. "Work could conceivably start 30 days after the final awards," Schubart said.

Schubart said, "The engineers said these prices are unusually good." Bunn, it appears, got a bargain. Now, if they will help that housewife...

Wire Theft Brings Reward Offer

Sheriff William T. Dement reports that two rolls of wire were stolen from the Henry Edwards Store on Route 3, Louisburg Friday night. He says that Edwards is offering a \$50 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties.

Dement described the missing items as one roll of 39-inch hog wire and one roll of 4-barb barb wire. He says his department is continuing its investigation.

Two LJC Coeds Killed, Two Injured In Wake

A small foreign sports car ran off the road late Sunday night five miles west of Wake Forest on NC-98 as four Louisburg College coeds headed back to school after a weekend in Burlington. Two young girls were killed, two

others were injured.

Killed were Deborah Lucille Andrews, 19, of 402 Trail 4, Burlington and Peggy Joanne Harris, 19, of 307 Old Mill Road, Chesapeake, Va. Hospitalized at Wake Memorial Hospital

are Terry Ann Tremon, 19, of 1915 Wheat Street, Rockingham, N. C. and Kathryn Elaine Strickland, 19, of 700 Quarterstaff Road, Winston-Salem. Miss Tremon's condition was listed as satisfactory and Miss Strickland's was

listed as fair.

According to reports received here, the three coeds accompanied Miss Andrews to her home in Burlington for the weekend. When the girls failed to arrive by the 11 P.M. Sunday curfew, College officials contacted Miss Andrews' parents, who at the time were unaware that anything had happened to the girls. The report said, however, that the Andrews felt the girls had had enough time to have arrived back here at the College. Officials here received word of the accident around 2 A.M. Sunday.

State Trooper D. C. Fulk, who investigated the accident, said the small English sports car ran off the pavement on a curve at a point where the shoulder was four inches lower than the pavement. He said that Miss Andrews, driver of the car, cut the wheels to pull back onto the pavement and caused the car to overturn.

The vehicle traveled 330 feet from the point where it first left the shoulder to where it came to rest, Fulk reported. He said that speed was not a factor and was quoted as saying, "If Miss Andrews had remained on the shoulder until she slowed the automobile, I believe the accident would have been avoided."

The Trooper said that a passerby found two of the girls lying in the road and pulled them to the shoulder to prevent other traffic from running over them. He said other passersby uprighted the Andrews car and freed the two girls pinned beneath the vehicle. All four of the girls were second-year students at Louisburg College.

Funeral services for Miss Andrews will be conducted Wednesday at 11 A.M. at Glen Hope Baptist Church in Burlington, conducted by Rev. George W. Swinney and Rev. Clarence Vaughn.

Miss Andrews was a 1968 graduate of William High School and was a contestant in the 1969 Miss Burlington Pageant.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Andrews, Jr.; one brother, John B. Andrews, III of the home; her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Riggins of Burlington; and her paternal grandmother, Mrs. John Andrews of Burlington.

Funeral arrangements for Miss Harris have not been announced here. This is the second time tragedy has struck the local college campus by way of highway deaths. Last October 12, Kevin Hanahan, 19, of West Chester, Pa., a star athlete at the College was killed in a highway accident on NC-56 here in Franklin County.

Kidnapper Sentenced To Death

The 23-year-old textile worker, accused of the kidnap-murder of 13-year-old Jackie Stone, whose grandmother lives in this area and whose father once was a resident of the county, was sentenced to death in Kenansville last week for the crime.

Roger Vernon Miller of Rose Hill, who was accused of luring the young school girl into his car by telling her that her mother had been injured and that he was to take her to the hospital, displayed no emotion as Judge George M. Fountain of Tarboro handed down the death sentence after a jury had deliberated for two hours before bringing in a verdict of guilty without recommendation of mercy.

A second sentence of life imprisonment was imposed on the kidnapping charge.

An estimated 200 spectators filled the courtroom before the all-male jury returned its verdict at 11:44 A.M. The front-row observers included Mr. and Mrs. Leon W. Stone of Wallace, the victim's parents.

Miller's court-appointed attorney, Hubert E. Phillips of Kenansville, asked Judge Fountain to poll the jury. After sentence was passed Phillips announced he would appeal the verdict to the State Supreme Court.

Judge Fountain, who had designated Oct. 3 as the execution date in the Central Prison gas chamber while imposing sentence, allowed Phillips 70 days in which to file the appeal.

Miller was charged with abducting Jackie while she was walking home from school.

Testimony indicated that she was

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White Level Man Claims Youths Racing When He Fired Into Car

For the second time in as many months young automobile drivers have been shot at in the late night hours and the reasons given for the act are the same: racing and disturbing the peace.

The latest incident, which occurred early Saturday morning near Sid Champion's Store in White Level, has resulted in three warrants being issued against Jimmy H. Dean, 51, an employee of the store. Dean is charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon and a third charge of damage to personal property.

Dean allegedly fired a shotgun blast through the rear window of a car belonging to Larry Wood, a 20-year-old Louisburg, Route 2, man. Danny Murphy, 20, also of Route 2, received minor injuries when struck with flying glass, according to reports, and was treated and released at Franklin Memorial Hospital.

Three Centerville men were charged in similar incidents last month at Centerville and each claimed the youths were there to race and that they were disturbing the peace.

Wood told The Times Sunday that he was driving and that Murphy was a passenger in the car around 12:30 A.M. Saturday and that they were pulling away from the Champion store when Dean fired the blast. Wood said

they were not racing. Damage to the car was extensive, including several pellet holes in the rear, a shattered rear window and a broken rear view mirror. Wood said they were not "cutting up" as claimed by Dean.

Dean told The Times, also Sunday, that he had gone to bed after "working 16 hours" and was awakened around 1 A.M. when he heard a car "scratch off" in his yard. He said the car threw small rocks and dirt against his front door and against his car which he said he had recently purchased and which had that day been cleaned and waxed. He said he went outside and asked Wood and Murphy to stop their actions and that Murphy, whom Dean says was driving, told him he didn't care if he (Dean) never got any more sleep.

Dean said a third youth was standing in the intersection in front of the store with a white handkerchief and that when the road was clear, the youth would wave the handkerchief and the Wood car and another car, which he described only as "a blue racing type car" would "take off toward Edward Best High School side by side".

He reported that he returned to bed only to be aroused later—he said around 2 A.M.—by the same car. He

said he went out his back door and fired into the rear of the car. He then went over to the car and asked if he could call a doctor or the Rescue Service or aid the boys.

State Trooper C. G. Todd investigated and reported that no charges have yet been filed by him in the incident. He reported only the one car was there when he arrived.

Dean lives directly behind the Champion Store and reported that racing "has been going on here every Friday night for the past two years". Dean pointed to a number of tire marks on the highway which branches off in four directions from the store, as evidence of his racing claim.

Franklin Sheriff William T. Dement reports that he called for help from the State Patrol after a "Centerville citizen" called him to report a gathering of young drivers at Centerville Saturday night. Dement said seven patrol cars were dispatched to the Centerville area.

Tyree Lancaster, County Dog Warden and resident of Centerville, reported "twelve car loads" of Troopers arrived around 2:30 A.M. Sunday and checked every car coming through and netted 17 arrests but none for racing. Lancaster was involved in the Centerville incident last month.

Louisburg Grocer Dies



Leaf Quality, Averages Dip

Averages on the Louisburg Tobacco Market took a slight decline last week as the quality of offerings dipped. From an opening day average of \$73.42 and a Monday high of \$74.39, prices dropped to an average of \$70.82 on Thursday's closing sales day.

Sales reached 308,544 pounds last Tuesday, 295,941 Wednesday and 308,486 pounds last Thursday, according to figures released by William Boone, Sales Supervisor. Tuesday's sales brought in \$223,093.00 and an average of \$72.30; Wednesday's sales were listed at \$210,423.13 for an average of \$71.10 and Thursday's leaf brought \$218,474.60 for an average of \$70.82.

Through last week, the local market has sold 2,428,235 pounds for \$1,754,229.59 and an average of \$72.24 for the season thus far.

Patrol Wolfpack In County

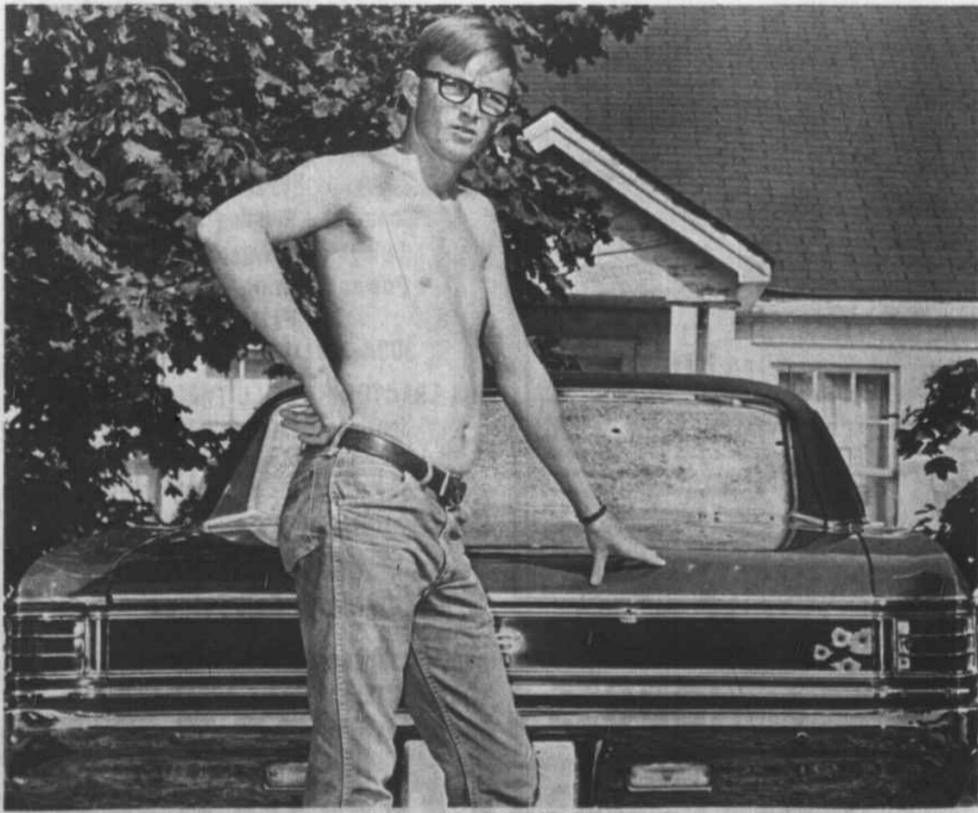
Sheriff William T. Dement reports a State Highway Patrol Wolfpack was in the county Sunday morning. Dement says his information is that seven State Trooper cars were in the Centerville area. Dement said he called Raleigh Patrol headquarters Saturday night when he received a call from a "Centerville citizen" and was advised that only one Trooper in the county was available.

Dement reported that he then called Sgt. R. E. Evans in Oxford and received immediate response.

Tyree Lancaster, County Dog Warden and a resident of Centerville, told The Times there were "at least twelve patrol cars" at Centerville, some from "as far away as Burlington". He placed the time of the arrival of the Wolfpack at 2:30 A.M. Sunday and said 17 persons were jailed as a result of the Troopers stopping every car going through Centerville. None of these, according to Lancaster, were arrested for racing, the problem which has disturbed a number of area citizens recently. Lancaster said the charges included carrying a concealed weapon, drunken driving and public drunkenness.

Rev. W. F. Childers, a former County Commissioner who also lives in

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Second In Two Months

Larry Wood, 20, of Route 2, Louisburg is shown above pointing to holes in his late model car which he says were inflicted by Jimmy H. Dean, 51, of White Level. Dean is charged in three warrants with firing a shotgun blast into the rear of Wood's car early Saturday morning near Sid Champion's Store in White Level. Danny Murphy, 20, also of Route 2, received minor injuries when struck by flying glass while inside the Wood car.

Staff photo by Clint Fuller.